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SUBJ: JAPANESE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO PRC - IL 1565

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1. GERMAN ARD USDELS MAINTAINED THEIR RESERVES ON REFCASE AT COCOM MEETING MAR 29, GERMAN DEL MAKING LENGTHY STATEMENT WHICH WE HERE SUMMARIZE. HE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED M-170 SYSTEM WAS LARGER THAN ANY SYS-TEM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COCOM FOR EXPORT TO EASTERN EUROPE. NEVERTHELESS, CONSIDERING END USE INFO SUPPLIED, HIS AUTHORITIES SAW NO PROBLEM IN THE SIZE OF THE SYSTEM. THEIR STUDIES SHOWED THAT FOR TASKS OF SIMILAR IMPORT-ANCE, COMPUTERS WERE BEING USED IN WEATHER SERVICES OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES GREATER THAN THOSE OF THE M-170. HE DISTRIBUTED A CHART COMPARING IT WITH OTHER COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPORTED OR IN USE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. (COPIES POUCHED.) HIS AUTHORITIES' CONCERN WAS CENTERED ON THE DISPOSITION BETWEEN THE DIMENSION OF THE SYSTEM AND THE END-USE CONTROLS STIPULATED.

2. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED, HE SAID, BY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSENCE OF SATISFACTORY END-USE INFORMATION AND BY THE LACK OF STANDARD NOTE 12 SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS. HE RECALLED THAT THE FRENCH HAD STATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH COCOM DOC (75) 1108 THAT THE CHINESE WERE NOT WILLING TO PROVIDE END USE STATEMENTS OR TO ACCEPT THE SAME SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS THAT WERE ALREADY BEING APPLIED REGULARLY IN EASTERN EUROPE. HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED

THAT TO FOREGO SUCH END USE STATEMENTS OR TO WAIVE SUCH SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS WHEN CHINA WAS INVOLVED WOULD RESULT IN CHINA BEING ACCORDED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OVER THE EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES. HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WAS JUSTIFIED AND HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO REQUEST THAT THIS PROBLEM BE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE.

- 3. GERMAN DEL ALSO ASKED WHETHER DESCRIPTION OF BQS BEIJING QIXIANG SHUNTU SYSTEMS WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO REFCASE DESCRIBED THE CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN PAGE 4, PARA 4 OF CASE.
- 4. USDEL WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. HE NEVERTHELESS STATED THAT US HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE CONCERNS SIMILAR TO THOSE NOTED BY THE GERMANS. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVED THAT AS A GENERAL RULE THE SAME SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON THE CHINESE AS ARE IMPOSED ON EASTERN EUROPE.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ASAP. TURNER

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